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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yoshihito HAGAWA, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/552,542

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For: FEED COMPOSITION

Examiner: D. K. WARE

**STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD REGARDING THE DEPOSIT OF
MICROORGANISMS UNDER THE BUDAPEST TREATY**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 22, 2008 of the above-referenced application, I, Kongsik Kim, state that:

1. I am an associate in the firm of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge, LLP located at 111 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.
2. I am an attorney of record in the above-referenced application.
3. Deposit of the *Lactobacillus gasseri* OLL 2716 strain, which is described in the above-referenced application, were made before the filing date of the application under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. More specifically, as shown in the attached Form BP/4, the strain was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on January 4, 2000 at the Research Institute of Life Science and Technology, the Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (located at 1-1-3. Higashi,

Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8566, Japan), the current name of which is International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (located at Central 6, 1-1-1 Higashi, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8566, Japan), with the accession number of FERM BP-6999, for patent purposes.

4. During the pendency of this application, access will be afforded to the Commissioner upon request.

5. All restrictions or conditions on the availability to the public of the microorganism deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent from the above-identified application.

6. The deposit will be maintained in a public repository for a period of 30 years or 5 years after the last request or for the effective life of the patent, whichever is longer.

7. The deposit will be replaced if it should ever become inviable.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 21, 2008

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特許手続上の微生物の寄託の国際的承認
に関するブダペスト条約

下記国際寄託当局によって規則 7. 1 に従い
発行される。

原寄託についての受託証

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BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF
MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
PATENT PROCEDURE

RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL
DEPOSIT

issued pursuant to Rule 7.1 by the
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY
identified at the bottom of this
page.

1. 微生物の表示

(寄託者が付した識別のための表示)

Lactobacillus gasseri OLL 2716

(受託番号)

FERM BP- 6999

2. 科学的性質及び分類学上の位置

1 株の微生物には、次の事項を記載した文書が添付されていた。

- ☒ 科学的性質
- ☒ 分類学上の位置

3. 受領及び受託

本国際寄託当局は、平成 11 年 5 月 24 日 (原寄託日) に受領した 1 株の微生物を受託する。

4. 移管請求の受領

本国際寄託当局は、平成 11 年 5 月 24 日 (原寄託日) に 1 株の微生物を受領した。
そして、平成 12 年 1 月 14 日に原寄託よりブダペスト条約に基づく寄託への移管請求を受領した。
(平成 11 年 5 月 24 日に寄託された微生物株番号 P- 17399 号より移管)

5. 国際寄託当局

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